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OSP PROGRAM PLAN

NRO ANNEX
SECTION IV - 4

CATEGORY : Collection of Intelligence
SUB-CATEGORY: Overhead Reconnaissance
ELEMENT : Satellites
OBJECTIVE : Design, Develop and Operate Photographic
Satellites for Collecting Intelligence to
Meet the Needs and Requirements of USIB
PROJECT : CORONA

Project CORONA is a satellite photographic search and surveillance system with two (2) recoverable capsules for retrieval of exposed film. The payload portion, including orbiting control vehicle, is launched into by a thrust-augmented THOR rocket from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. While in orbit, the system is commanded and controlled utilizing the Satellite Test Center at Sunnyvale, California, and other tracking stations located in Alaska, New Hampshire and Hawaii. Recovery of the capsules is generally by air snatch over the Pacific Ocean north of Hawaii.

NRO review(s) completed.

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This system is currently being launched at the rate of approximately 10 per year, and the same number are planned for FY 1968.

In FY 1969 the launch rate is estimated to remain at 10 systems. However, because of procurement lead times and a reduced launch rate in FY 1970, the total funding requirements will be less. The estimated NRO funding for FY 1969 is as follows:

Camera Systems

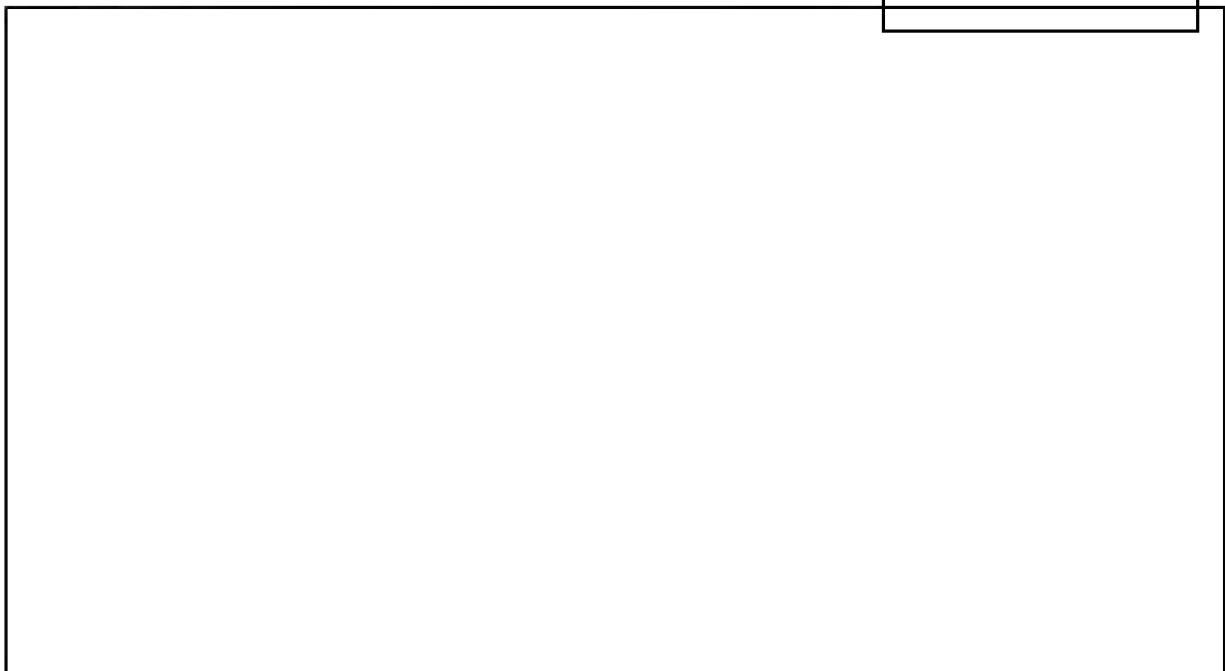
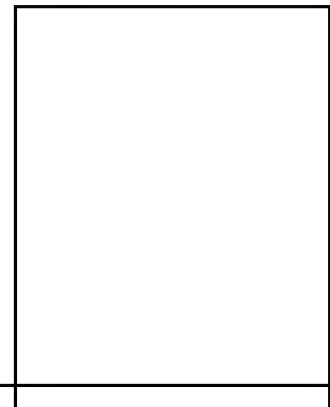
Satellite Recovery Vehicles

Payload Integration and

Operation

Miscellaneous

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